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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Joseph R. Wright, Jr.  
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SUBJECT: Corporation for Open Systems (COS) Membership

We have asked the Departments of Defense and Commerce to represent the Federal government in the Corporation for Open System (COS), a new consortium of computer and communications companies and user organizations. The Defense Department has nominated the Defense Communications Agency and the Commerce Department has nominated the National Bureau of Standards. We think these two members will be able to present a coherent government position and that all other agencies will be able to submit their requirements through the Government Open Systems Interconnection Profile (GOSIP) process. We urge agencies to participate in the GOSIP standards development program. Information on this program can be obtained from the Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards at 301-975-2822. If there are any other questions, please call Jack Arthur of the Information Technology Management Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at 202-395-7231.

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